Export of Tinned Marine Products

1084. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether our tinned products ae competitive in the international market;

(b) if so, the role Government propose to play to boost the export of marine products to international market; and

(c) if not, whether Government realize the potential of exporting marine products to the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) A limited quantity of canned (tinned) fishery products is produced in India and the same is not competitive in international market. The Marine Products Export Development Authority is encouraging exporters to export consumer packs of selected ready to eat marine products, in retortable pouches. Further, in order to increase the exports of marine products, Government have been taking several steps, which include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value-added products for export; participation by MPEDA in international fairs, conducting overseas market surveys; etc.

Export and Import of Various Items

†1085. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the import and export in agro products, petroleum crude products, textile, industry, ford processing industries, computer software and hardware and auto industry have been

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